Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—I want to know when the Government will be pleased to supply the figures.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It can be given at any time—in a few hours.

Kizhakkumpattukara Toddy shop.

163. Mrs. Swaris.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether the Kizhakkumpattukara toddy shop has been licensed by the Excise Commissioner ; if so, when ;

(b) if the location of the shop has been fixed as assured by the Commissioner of Excise at a place 40 yards away from the nearest public road ;

(c) has the Commissioner visited the shop and inspected the site after the last meeting of the Council ;

(d) if the answer is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state (1) who was the Commissioner that visited the site; (2) whether he is convinced that the apprehensions the petitioners had, about the department's purpose to faithfully carry out the Diwan's orders, were justified ?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—(a) No.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

(d) (1) Mr. M. P. Cherian.

(2) No.

Mrs. Swaris.—Is it not an offence to carry on a toddy shop without a license ? Sir,.....

President.—You are not to make a speech.

Mrs. Swaris.—I am not a lawyer. I want only information.

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—Yes.

Mrs. Swaris.—Then how is it that this toddy shop is there without a license ?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—It is only a temporary license, but no permanent license was issued.

Mrs. Swaris.—Has the Diwan's order been strictly adhered to?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—In what respect, please ?

Mrs. Swaris.—In the location of the toddy shop.

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—Yes.

Mrs. Swaris.—Is the toddy shop within 40 yards limit from the public road ?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—As it now stands, it is beyond 40 yards.

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Mrs. Swaris.—Is it from the main road? There is a public road on the eastern side of the toddy shop.

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—It is not a public road.

Mrs. Swaris.—What do you mean by 'Public road.'?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—My information is it is a ditch which was filled up by Municipality. It is not a metalled road.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—I refer the Hon'ble Member's explanation to the answer to question No. 166 and ask him whether it is a public road. The answer to question 166 is 'yes'.

President.—We have not come to that.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—But it is said that it is a public road. It is only for drawing the attention of the Member since he persists in that answer.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—The Hon'ble Member for Public Works has declared that it is a public road.

President.—The Hon'ble Member will confine himself to the question now before the House.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—May I know why the Hon'ble Member for Excise says that it is not a public road when the Hon'ble Member for Public Works says that it is a public road?

President.—That will be answered at that time.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—I want to know why this Member differs from the other Member.

President.—The Hon'ble Member will put the question when we come to question 166.

Remission of rental to Kizhakkumpattukara Toddy shop.

164. Mrs. Swaris.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Commissioner of Excise has recommended any remission of rental to the Kizhakkumpattukara toddy shop renter; if so, what view the Government has taken about it?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—No. The second part of the question does not arise.

Location of the Kizhakkumpattukara Toddy shop.

165. Mrs. Swaris.—Will the Government be pleased to state if the Kizhakkumpattukara toddy shop is located outside the Kizhakkumpattukara Desam; if the answer is in the affirmative, will the Government be further pleased to state in which desam it is now located and whether that fact will not give handle to any other shop-renter to claim remission?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—The shop is located within the boundaries notified and as such the other parts of the question do not arise.

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